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1. Groups of about 20 to 30 motorcyclists wearing protective clothing, leather clothing or khaki-colored uniforms were observed at the former Reiter Kaserne in the northern part of ~~Provacnikova~~ street in the town district Cerna Pole of Brno (P 50/N 40). The soldiers were driving green colored heavy motorcycles with and without sidecars. The former Reiter Kaserne was occupied by a cavalry regiment before WW II. The barracks appeared to be fully occupied in August 1954. Foundations were being laid east of the former stables on the northern side of ~~Provacnikova~~ until late August 1954. A new five-story quartering building with gabled roof was observed north of the previously reported quarters.¹

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2. Sentries with khaki colored uniforms and red service color were observed at the former Artillerie Kaserne east of the Eisenhowerova tr. Trucks towing guns were observed entering the barracks. Guns were covered with tarpaulins. Prime movers covered by tarpaulins were seen in the yard of the barracks.²
3. Soldiers with khaki-colored uniforms were observed in the former Mazaryk barracks, which are bordered by the Skladistni in the south, by the Chodska in the west and by the Strolecka in the north. The inscription "Strazime Vlast" (We protect our native country) was seen on the arched gate of the southern entry of the barracks. Out-going platoons with carbines and submachine guns were observed during the second half of August 1954.³

1. Comment. No basic information has been obtained on the motorcycle unit in the former Reiter Kaserne in town district Cerna Pole (Schwarzfeld) at Brno (Bruenn); it is possible that these soldiers belong to a reconnaissance battalion of the 6th Rifle Div in Brno.

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2. Comment. The observations confirm the occupation of the barracks by artillery.
3. Comment. The former Mazaryk barracks, also named Fucik Kaserne, is occupied by signal troops.

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